

What the American people also deserve to know is why the Majority is putting partisan politics above the public's right to a fair and balanced investigation. The Oversight and Government Reform Committee Republicans have not granted a single Democratic witness request in 16 months. If this investigation was on the up and up, it seems that the Democrats should be allowed the opportunity to bring forward at least one witness. In fact, the Republicans refused ten requests by Democrats to hold a hearing with the former Acting Director of the ATF Kenneth Melson. He was in charge of the agency responsible for the Fast and Furious operation. The Majority also rejected requests to have William Hoover, the former Acting Deputy Director of the ATF during Operation Fast and Furious, testify before the committee. They also refused to allow former U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey to testify about gun-walking programs initiated under the previous administration. I hope that by opposing these resolutions we can have a real congressional investigation into the ATF's "gun-walking" operations and pass legislation to ensure that similar operations never happen again. The Dingell Resolution I voted for requires the Oversight and Government Reform Committee to hold bipartisan public hearings with the Kenneth Melson, William Hoover, Michael Mukasey, and others.

The House of Representatives has never voted to hold a sitting Attorney General in contempt. I don't think Republicans and Chairman Issa have provided us a real reason to do so today. Instead, they have prevented a legitimate investigation from taking place and continue to move the goalpost again and again to demand documents unrelated to the Fast and Furious Operations. Their conduct has revealed they are far more interested in getting Attorney General Holder than getting the facts. This has been a total abuse of power and process. I believe that we should be voting on the President's jobs bill today instead of this misguided and partisan resolution.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this resolution.

CAL FORMOLO

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. Speaker, let it be known that it is an honor and pleasure to pay tribute to Lieutenant Cal Formolo for his distinguished military career. Lieutenant Formolo, a native of Iron Mountain, Michigan, joined the Navy in November 1987, and graduated from basic training from the Electrician's Mate "A" School and Naval Nuclear Power School. After graduation, he went on to the Nuclear Power Training Unit (S1W) where he completed prototype training. He remained in Idaho Falls for a staff instructor tour at the A1W prototype.

In August 1991, Lieutenant Formolo reported to his first ship, the Ohio Class submarine USS *Florida* in Bangor, Washington, where he was assigned to the Electrical Division. During his tour, the USS *Florida* completed nine strategic deterrent patrols, and Lieutenant Formolo was awarded two Battle Efficiency "E" awards. He was also selected as the USS *Florida* Sailor of the Year in 1996.

Leaving the USS *Florida*, Lieutenant Formolo served at the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York. As a First Class Petty Officer, he quickly qualified as the engineering officer of the watch, and advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. In December 2000, Lieutenant Formolo reported to the Los Angeles Class submarine USS *Honolulu* in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he completed one Western Pacific Deployment and two Eastern Pacific Deployments. During his tour, the USS *Honolulu* was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" Award. Lieutenant Formolo next reported to the USS *John C. Stennis* in San Diego, California. As the ship's reactor controls technical assistant, he was responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of *John C. Stennis*'s two 500 mega-watt reactors. He stood watch as Officer of the Deck during a six-month Western Pacific Deployment. In 2004, Lieutenant Formolo reported aboard the Naval Submarine Support Center Performance Monitoring Team in Norfolk, Virginia, as Officer in Charge. He was responsible for monitoring submarine systems and creating work requests for system repairs, and was promoted to Lieutenant during this tour.

In January 2007, Lieutenant Formolo reported to Commander Submarine Squadron Six to perform the duties of the Material Officer and Depot Availability Coordinator. There he was responsible for the planning and execution of submarine dry-docking repair periods. After serving in the U.S. Navy for over 24 years, Lieutenant Formolo retired during this tour on April 1, 2012. Lieutenant Formolo was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Breast Insignia and Enlisted Submarine Warfare Breast Insignia. Lieutenant Formolo is currently employed at WE Energies as an Electric Distribution Controller. He is married to the former Cheryl Simonson of Benicia, California. They reside in Kingsford, Michigan, with their son Jacob. On behalf of the citizens of Michigan's First District, it is my privilege to recognize Cal Formolo for his service, sacrifice, and continued patriotism.

MAINE WABANAKI-STATE CHILD WELFARE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION MANDATE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mrs. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my gratitude and best wishes to a coalition doing very important work in my state to heal injuries of the past and find a better path into the future.

Today, Wabanaki Chiefs, officials, and citizens—along with members of the Maine Legislature, Truth and Reconciliation Convening Group, Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission, and Maine's governor—are gathering to sign the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Mandate.

This historic signing will begin work to seek truth and healing in how the state child welfare system has treated the families of these indigenous Maine tribes—including the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahlanukuk, Passamaquoddy Tribe

at Sipayik, Penobscot Indian Nation, and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs. In recent decades, these groups have seen their children taken from them to be placed with non-native families through adoption and foster care.

Through this process, the commission will listen to stories of families affected by these practices and learn how the loss has impacted cultures that rely on their children for continued existence. The goal is not to injure, blame or shame anyone, but to bring these truths to the open air so they can heal, teach, and prevent future harm.

I'm so proud to live in a state that is willing to have these difficult, but crucially important, conversations with a spirit of honesty and reconciliation. I wish my best to this group and fervently hope it reaches a successful conclusion.

HONORING BISHOP DR. STEWART REESE, JR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, Bishop Dr. Stewart Reese, Jr., is celebrating forty three (43) years in pastoral leadership this year as the founder of Bethesda Cathedral of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., and has provided stellar leadership to his church; and

Whereas, Bishop Reese, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Bethesda Cathedral as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Bishop Reese is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Bishop Reese, as he celebrates forty three years in pastoral leadership on this the Founder's Day of Bethesda Cathedral of the Apostolic Faith;

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 3, 2012 as Bishop Dr. Stewart Reese, Jr. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 3rd day of June, 2012.

THE WIPA AND PABSS CONTINUATION OF SERVICES ACT OF 2012

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing, along with my colleagues, the "WIPA and PABSS Continuation of Services Act of 2012," which would support Americans with severe disabilities who want to attempt to